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Classified By: Ambassador Thomas N. Hull, reasons 1.4 (b), (d)

[1](#)1. (C) On August 28, Director General of Foreign Affairs Umaru Wurie told the Ambassador that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has recommended to their mission at the UN to vote in favor of Ruth Wedgewood's candidacy to the UN Human Rights Committee.

[1](#)2. (C) On an earlier occasion, Wurie told PolOff that, while the Ministry's policy is usually to support incumbent candidates, the Sierra Leone Mission to the UN ultimately decides who they will vote for -- if they do not like an incumbent, they will not vote for them.
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